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Achievements and Efforts for Enhancing Disaster Reduction

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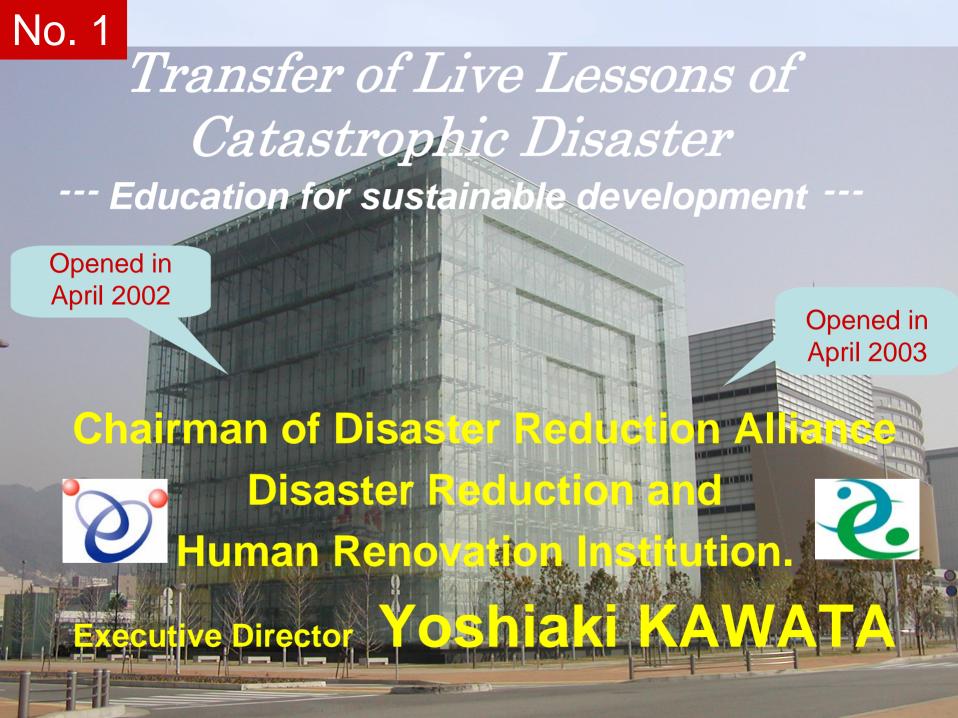
The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial

DRI (Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution)

DPRI (Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University)

I have been contributed to Safer World against Natural Disasters for more than 30years.

- No.1 Establishment and activities of Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI) and Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA) in Kobe
- No.2 Policy advise through international field surveys on disasters and dispatch of disaster lessons
- No.3 Voluntary activities at NPO: Crisis & Environment Management Policy Institute (CeMI) for public awareness and educational activities
- **No.4 Promotion** of research projects on disaster reduction at DPRI, Kyoto University since 1969



Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)

Established in April 2002 with the Mission such as "By transfering the experiences of the Great Hanshin-Awaji (Kobe) Earthquake and applying lessons learned from the Earthquake for a better future, DRI aims at cultivating a disaster culture, mitigating social vulnerability, and developing policies for disaster reduction; thereby contributing to realizing a safer and more secure civil society"

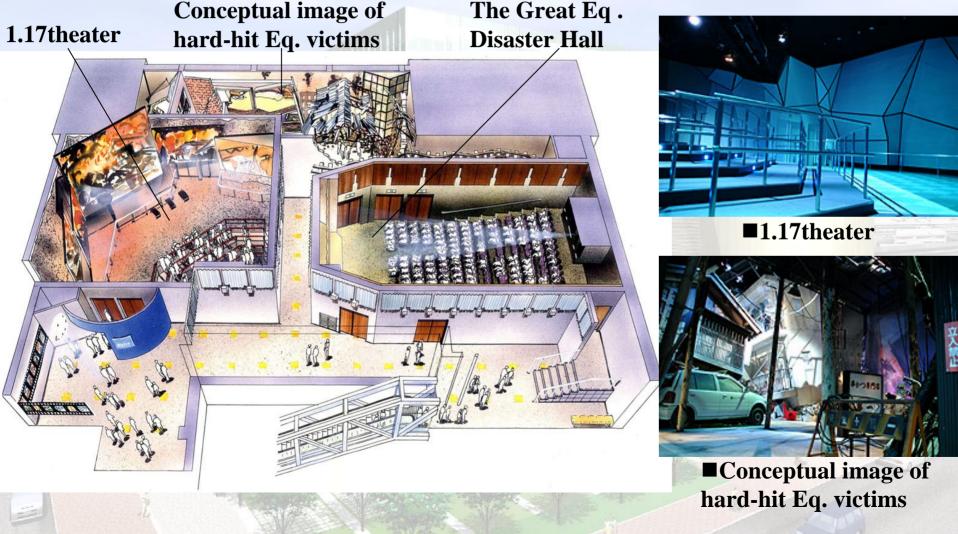
6 main functions:

- Museum Exhibits
- Collection and Preservation of Source Documents and Materials
- Training of Disaster Management
 Practitioners / Development of Disaster
 Reduction Professionals
- Networking
- Action Research on Disaster Reduction
- Headquarters Assistance in Disaster Response



Exhibition (Earthquake Museum)

4th floor; The impact of the Earthquake







Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA)





Since Oct. 2002





OCHA

(UN Office for the Coord. of Hum. Affairs)

UNCRD (C for Reg. Dev.)





IRP (Int, Rec. Platform)

Hyogo Inst. for Traumatic Stress



EMECS, IGES, APN



JICA Hyogo Int. C



Hyogo Dis. Medical C.



...towards an intellectual hub for health, environment and disaster reduction





























Project implementation

Multi-disciplinary research



HAT Kobe, Japan





Information exchange

Coordination

Partnership and networking

The Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA) was established in October, 2002, aiming at promoting organized operation among the health, environment and disaster related organizations situated in HAT Kobe (New Eastern City Center) to the best of their functions.

As of April, 2007, 17 organizations are listed as principal members along with 7 observer organizations.

[Secretariat: Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)]

Disaster Reduction Forum 2004, 05, 06, 07

- ➤ Pre event of WCDR in 2004
- ➤ Every January or February
- ➤ Organized by DRA, Hyogo Pref.





<Recommendations to the Int'l. Community>

- ➤ Each disaster stricken area should begin to organize in their respective ways to "transfer live lessons of catastrophic disasters", in particular to their citizens and communities.
- ➤ Each government and supporting organization should recognize the importance of transferring live lessons and start supporting such activities.

Proposal for the establishment of "Transfer Live Lessons Network"

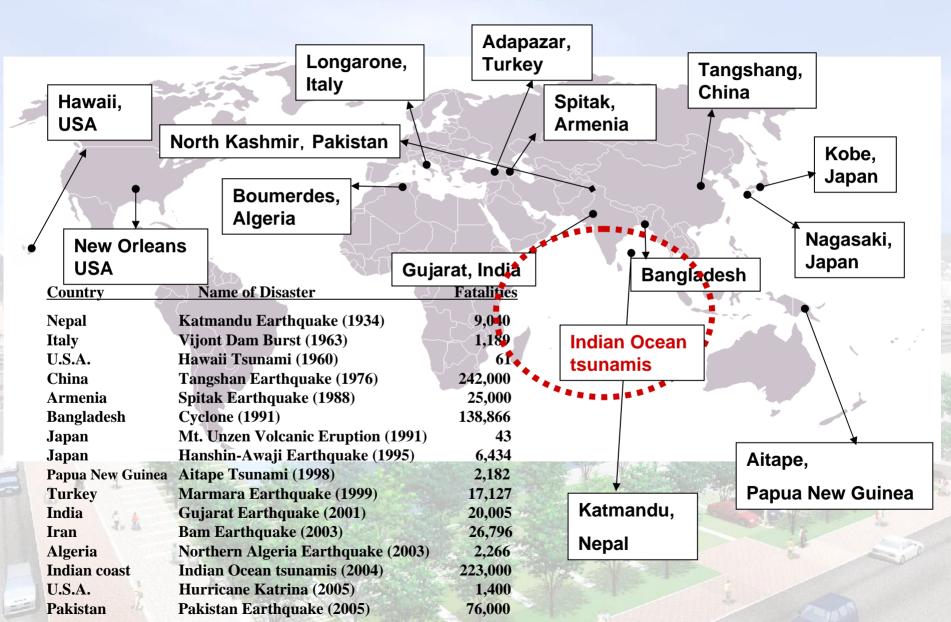
--- For effective education & public awareness for citizens

Aiming the realization in 2006

< Activities of this network >

- Facilitate transfer lessons activities of each organizations through mutual information exchange with effective methods on exhibition, public awareness, educational program and so on.
- Open a web site to introduce the whole picture of this network
- Publish a web-newspaper on the specific activities or events on annual basis
- Organize meetings for information exchange on regular basis, hopefully once a year
- Make intellectual support for planning and development of other facilities for "transfer live lessons" activities
- Preparatory Committee was launched on Wednesday, 19th January 2005

Transfer Live Lessons Network



International Field Survey on Disasters and Dispatch of Disaster Lessons

Dr. Kawata conducted following field survey

(*:Leader of reconnaissance team 1:International Team)

1991 Mt. Pinatubo Eruption (Philippine)*1

1991 Cyclone Disaster (Bangladesh)*

1991 Flores Island Tsunami (Indonesia)*1

1993 Geo-Hazards (Nepal)*

1994 East Java Tsunami (Indonesia)

1995 Kobe Earthquake (Japan)*

1996 Flood Disaster (China)*

1998 Papua New Guinea Tsunami*1

1999 Che-Che Earthquake (Taiwan)*

1999 Marmara Earthquake (Turkey) *

2000 Beach Erosion and Flood Disaster (Indonesia)*

2001 New York WTC Disasters (USA)*

2002 West Europe Flood Disasters (Germany, Australia, Czech)*

2003 Typhoon Disasters (Philippine)*

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami (Indonesia, Sri Lanka. India, Thailand, Maldives)*1

2005 Hurricane Katrina (USA)*

As Executive Director of DRI, the following surveys were managed after 2002

•2003 Bamu Earthquake, Iran

-2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, Indonesia and others

2005 Hurricane Katrina, USA, Pakistan Earthquake

•2006 Landslide, Philippine, Yogyakarta Earthquake, Indonesia, West Java Earthquake, Indonesia

2007 Solomon Tsunami

Disaster Reduction Advice to Japanese Government and International Society through IDNDR, ISDR, UNESCO, Red Cross and World Bank



The article seven of the Article Seventeenth Constitution by Prince Shotoku (574 – 622) in Asuka era, Japan

Each professional has own vocation. Please administer your responsibility. You must not confuse your place of work.



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